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What is claimed is:

1. A system for accessing, over a wide area network, multimedia equipment for reproducing multimedia information recorded on data storage media, comprising:

means for generating a list of contents of the multimedia information, the list of contents being modified to include only user selected multimedia information;

means for converting the modified list of contents to at least one command for controlling the multimedia equipment; and

means for controlling the multimedia equipment based on said one command, wherein the user selected multimedia information is reproduced on the multimedia equipment based on the modified list of contents.

2. The system according to claim 1, further comprising means for providing a user interface for requesting the list of contents to be modified, and means for transferring the list of contents over the wide area network.

3. The system according to claim 1, wherein the list of contents is generated by a first user and is transferred via the wide area network to a second user that modifies the list of contents, wherein the modified list of contents is transferred via the wide

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area network to the first user for reproducing the multimedia information only as selected by the second user.

4. The system according to claim 1, wherein the list of contents is generated on the basis of data uniquely identifying the contents of each data storage medium in the data storage media.

5. The system according to claim 1, wherein the list of contents is generated and modified by a first user, wherein the modified list of contents is transferred via the wide area network to a second user for reproducing the multimedia information only as selected by the first user.

6. A system for sharing, over a wide area network, multimedia information recorded on a data storage medium in multimedia equipment, comprising:

means for reading the multimedia information from the data storage medium in the multimedia equipment of a first user;

means for transferring the read multimedia information to a second user over the wide area network; and

means for reproducing the transferred multimedia information in the multimedia equipment of the second user.

7. The system according to claim 6, further comprising means for providing a user interface for requesting the transfer of the

multimedia information, and means for transferring the multimedia information over the wide area network.

8. A method for accessing, over a wide area network, multimedia equipment for reproducing multimedia information recorded on data storage media, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a list of contents of the multimedia information, the list of contents being modified to include only user selected multimedia information;

converting the modified list of contents to at least one command for controlling the multimedia equipment; and

controlling the multimedia equipment based on said one command, wherein the user selected multimedia information is reproduced on the multimedia equipment based on the modified list of contents.

9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of providing a user interface for requesting the list of contents to be modified, and means for transferring the list of contents over the wide area network.

10. The method according to claim 8, wherein the list of contents is generated by a first user and is transferred via the wide area network to a second user that modifies the list of contents, wherein the modified list of contents is transferred via the wide

area network to the first user for reproducing the multimedia information only as selected by the second user.

11. The method according to claim 8, wherein the list of contents is generated on the basis of data uniquely identifying the contents of each data storage medium in said data storage media.

12. The method according to claim 8, wherein the list of contents is generated and modified by a first user, wherein the modified list of contents is transferred via the wide area network to a second user for reproducing the multimedia information only as selected by the first user.

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